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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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12 June 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Projections of Soviet and Chinese Military Forces

1. As you will recall, there was an exchange of correspondence between you in December and January on the four year old issue of whether or not national estimates should contain quantitative force projections and what to do about redundancy, lack of consistency, and consumer confusion between DIPP and NIE projections. In that correspondence, a joint effort by CIA, DIA, and the NIO/SP was proposed to devise satisfactory arrangements to meet consumer requirements for force projections. There have been a number of meetings in the past several months to seek agreement on procedures for handling force projections. Representatives of CIA and DIA and the NIO for Conventional Forces have participated with NIO/SP in this effort. The two agencies also conducted an experiment in the joint preparation of a projection.

2. As a solution to this problem, it is proposed that:

- CIA and DIA collaborate more closely on national projections;
- CIA coordinate on selected aspects of the DIPP;
- Projections in the DIPP and NIEs be cross-referenced to reduce consumer confusion between them;
- A key man be identified by each agency as the focal point for CIA-DIA collaboration on projections.

3. The approach proposed above and a mechanism for collaboration are outlined in the attachment to this memorandum. The procedures therein have been agreed by Dr. Proctor of CIA and [] acting for [] for DIA.

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4. If you approve, the agencies will proceed to implement these procedures.



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Attachment:
Memorandum as stated (SP-75/74)

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